



Sledmere Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has, I believe, has been one of our most challenging weeks throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. I wrote a few weeks ago about how we had been able to manage without high levels of staff absence throughout our return to school since September 2021. This week has been very different. Every member of staff here at Sledmere, whether they have been hit by this awful condition or not, has been an inspiration. Despite having a number of staff test positive as this week has progressed, the support and resilience shown by their colleagues has underlined for me their commitment to every child in this school. A public 'thank you' from me to each and every one of them.

As part of our monitoring of school improvement, senior members of staff have taken an opportunity to look at the learning being delivered to children. The dedication to providing as much knowledge as possible through each of the lesson plans we looked at was quite staggering. In fact, when thinking about teacher workload, we will be looking at how we can support teachers in the best way possible for them to have some balance in the preparation time this requires.

Visitors!

As mentioned last week, Brendan Oakley the Chair of Governors has been in school today looking at all we have been doing to make Sledmere the best it can be. This will inform Governor knowledge of our developments and how we are all held to account on those improvements. Mr Oakley was very impressed with your children and their learning.

Equally bowled over today was the School Nurse. I received a lovely email following a visit to Year 6 today that said, "I just wanted to let you know the children were all brilliant – polite, well-mannered and just lovely!" Thank you to our Year 6 pupils for being awesome – or I think the word these days is 'sick'.

Random Acts of Kindness

Today in our celebration assemblies, we have introduced to the children 'Kindness Awards'. We want to be very open about the behaviours we see from those children that might sometimes go unnoticed. Our Weekly Kindness Awards will celebrate the best of our pupils' kindness towards others – sometime when it is least expected.

Transfer Update

Still no further news at this time, I am afraid. We are increasingly hopeful that the proposed transfer of our school to a new Academy Trust will take place by 1 April 2022 at the earliest. Please be assured that trustees and the interim Central Team of LLMAT are working tirelessly to ensure this happens as soon as is legally possible.

Please do not ever hesitate to get in touch with us at school if you ever have any concerns, queries or questions. I regularly talk with our staff about how important pride in our community is. We all strive to uphold our mission statement, **Be The Best You Can Be**. We are a listening school and we are always looking to improve what we do for the benefit of our children and families.

Wishing you all a restful weekend. **Mr Fance, Headteacher** dfance@sledmere.dudley.sch.uk – **please note this email address and use this instead of the Learning Link.org address.**



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Learners of the Week!

Nursery

London: Rayan Atif and Amelia Zaman

Reception

Cardiff: Amirah Qismat Tauqeer and Carter Edmunds

Belfast: Marco Omar and Levaeh Alexander

Edinburgh: Salimah Saleh and Musa Imran

Year 1

Paris: Saahira Wazir and Azaan Sohaib

Rome: Drew Carey and Riley Kane

Madrid: Abubakar Nazim and Alicia Owen

Year 2

Barcelona: Daniya Ali and Ibrahim Omer

Berlin: Oscar Wilkinson and Fatima Shaikh

Budapest: Amuldeep Chohan and Inaaya Hamid

Year 3

Beijing: Owain Whitcombe and Alicia Forrest

Tokyo: Ayaat Aftab and Sebi Diaconescu

Singapore: Anayah- Aroosh Atif and Jaxon Tighe

Year 4

Doha: Ben Small and Amelia Derrer-Rendall

Abu Dhabi: Ghanaam Yakubu and Brooke Adejobby

Dubai: Harvey Twine and Macey Griffiths

Year 5

Toronto: Aaliyah Forrest and Kaiden Johnson-Simms

Chicago: Marcus Bennett and Ellesse Worton

Boston: Ayaan Farid and Lilly-Marie Delaney

Year 6

Brasilia: Jonah Lane and Fatima Batool

Lima: Anaya Khan and Shayan Shoaib-Ali

Santiago: Isabel Mould and Ryan Taylor

These are the pupils selected this week in recognition of our school values...

Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Perseverance, Confidence, Resilience



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Messages from the School Office

- Please return GDPR forms to the school office as soon as possible.
- Please remember to leave a voice message on the school phone line, if your child is unable to attend school. **01384 818 425.**
- Please drop children at the class room doors and not through reception. Classroom doors are open from **8:40am-8:50am.**
- We have a new uniform supplier: Crested School wear Churchill Precinct Dudley

Term Dates for your diaries and calendars

Spring 1

Thursday 17 February – half term break for children

Friday 18 February – training day for staff

Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February – half term

Spring 2

Monday 28 February – term starts

Friday 8 April – Spring Term ends

Summer 1

Monday 25 April – term starts

Monday 2 May – bank holiday (no school)

Friday 27 May – half term break for children

Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June – half term

Summer 2

Monday 6 June – term starts

Thursday 21 July – term ends

Many happy returns to all these children, who will celebrate their birthday over the week.
We wish you all the best for future health, success and happiness!

Happy Birthday to ...

Evelyn Britton

Evie Small

Kaden O'Driscoll

Alba Xhafo

Logan Cooper

Muhammed Farid

Fatimah Abihah

Mahnoor Qayyum

Lily Thompson

Mohammad Murtaza Imran



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A is for Attendance!

As always attendance continues to remain a key focus this term.

Congratulations to all those children who have been in school every day so far this term. Hopefully we can keep up the good attendance and improve our attendance percentage for the Spring Term – we still have many of you with 100% attendance – Well done!

You may recall, I introduced you to Steph Travis the school's EWO. Next week Mrs Travis will be running a late gate and arranging meetings with parents whose children's attendance is a concern to us. Please remember any Covid related illness will not be counted towards your child's attendance so please if your child is ill test them regularly and keep school updated.

Home visits – if your child is absent from school and we have not been able to contact you to find out the reason why then we will visit your home on the same day your child is absent. It is extremely important that we make sure we know the reason why your child is absent as part of our safeguarding procedures.

To help support families with improving their child's attendance please be aware that:

- You will receive an amber letter of concern if your child's attendance falls below 92% asking for your support in ensuring that attendance improves.
- If your child's attendance is below 90%, you will receive a critical, red letter, inviting you to an attendance panel meeting.

As always we categorise levels of attendance into red, amber and green.

GREEN - 100%. Excellent attendance above the national expected average, ideally where all children should aim to be.

AMBER - 97% or above. Good attendance - in line with or above national expected average.

RED - below 96%. Attendance below expected level.

If you are worried about your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Aulton, Deputy Headteacher.

Class	Attendance this week %	Attendance last week %
London am	84.84	93.83
London pm	80.11	83.05
Belfast	96.74	89.08
Cardiff	81.2	80.63
Edinburgh	84.81	88.8
Madrid	91.09	87.68
Paris	91.09	92.69
Rome	91.28	94.67
Barcelona	92.62	94.85
Berlin	92.9	90.98
Budapest	92.85	90.7
Beijing	91.29	95
Singapore	91.57	87.68
Tokyo	90.86	93.17
Abu Dhabi	93.77	89.53
Dubai	91.15	85.46
Doha	94.83	95
Boston	94.41	92.77
Chicago	93.46	95.17
Toronto	94.31	97
Brasilia	92.93	88.46
Lima	90.75	90.67
Santiago	94.43	94.96
Whole school	91.72	91.21